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"I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life."—Jesus

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## Editorial

### Crowded Out

Editorially we are almost entirely crowded out this week. Important matter came in on Saturday and Monday after the paper was all set up except editorial. To make room on pages 14 and 15 the contributions are allowed to begin on page 2 instead of page 4, as usual. This however is not to be repeated except in cases of emergencies. The only matter for which there is any room after Saturday morning is church news. Contributors will please make a note of this. Matter for all other departments except church news should be in before Saturday morning.

### How to Pray

This was the title of the Sunday-school lesson a few sabbaths ago, and it proved to be a very profitable study. Few people realize the fact that they need to learn to pray, or that any one need be taught how to pray. Yet the disciples came to Jesus on one occasion and asked him to teach them how to pray as John also taught his disciples to pray. Jesus taught them how and how not to pray and then like a good teacher gave them an example of right praying. We all need to learn to pray for we know not how unless some one teach us. The place to learn is at the feet of Jesus. It is one of those things that must be learned by *doing*.

### Ashland University

We are pleased to announce that the prospects for a speedy settlement of the college debt are very good. If you have not yet paid your apportionment do so at once, and not let the matter be delayed any longer. Every month the interest accumulates, and the money thus far received can not be applied on the debt until the whole amount is paid. Since the amount yet to be raised is so small there should be no longer any delay. We have the promise of that which will be the most agreeable surprise to the church when the debt is paid. It will be worth your while to pay the apportionment to find out what it is. The report in this issue by Brother Keim shows that the work is going on hopefully. There are however some delinquents, and these are to be published next week. Write Brother Keim at once and tell him the money will be forthcoming. Do not allow him to publish your church as delinquent.

### The Power of Prayer

Speaking on the subject of prayer in Pittsburgh, Pa., Mr. Moody said: "Prayer is a wonderful power. I would rather know how to pray right than to own all the gold in Alaska. I would rather have the power to 'move the arm that moves the world' than to wear the crown of an earthly king. What this country needs is not so much great preachers as Christians who know how to pray. I would rather know how to pray like Daniel or like Elijah on Mount Carmel than to be able to preach like Gabriel. Many Christians are praying almost without ceasing, and yet their prayers are without power, for they are not offered in the right way. They themselves realize that their prayers are not followed by showers of spiritual blessing. They know that no answer comes down from heaven. Why is this? What is the matter? Real prayers always bring the answer. It is as true now as in the time of James that the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

## Personal Mention

Brother Koontz reports another accession in the Conemaugh charge.

We trust the Brethren will respond liberally to the appeal by Brother Cassel.

Brother Lyon is at Downsville, Md., assisting Brother Long in a series of meetings.

We are glad to learn that Brother Darling is again able to attend to his duties as pastor.

Brother Keim reports one accession at Gratis, O., and the church in peace, love and harmony.

The meeting at Mexico, Ind., by Brother Bauman closed with twenty accessions and a good interest.

Brother E. H. Smith reports one accession in his charge, and the work otherwise moving along nicely.

Brother Ditch closed a meeting at Oakville, Ind., with twelve accessions and the church greatly encouraged and revived.

A brother asks us to send his paper to St. Luke, Va., instead of where it is now going, but fails to tell us his present address.

When last heard from Brother Talley was at Brooklyn, Iowa, looking after interests belonging to his work as district evangelist.

To Brother Haskins: It is better that you should be "working away with some results and much faith," than with "much results" and some faith.

Brother Hubbard, Elkhart, Ind., says, "Meetings still go on. Quite an interest. Six accessions last night, seven in all. Will continue over Sunday."

The Aurelia church has extended a call to Brother Brecker, Philadelphia, as pastor of that place. The work was brought about thro the influence of the state evangelist.

Brother E. E. Roberts, Philadelphia, was recently ordained to the full ministry in the Brethren church. May the Lord bless him in the service to which he has called him.

We invite the attention of all our readers to the communication from Dayton, by Brother Tombaugh. We are glad to announce that the National Mission Board will take that place under its care.

Brother Mackey under date of February 1, writes, "Our bright and convenient new parsonage will be ready for the pastor at Salisbury April 1. The work in this appointment is progressing most wonderfully."

Brother I. D. Bowman reports an all day meeting in the city of brotherly love, beginning at 10:30 and closing at 5 for a brief intermission. The work is moving forward gloriously. Five more baptisms, and others near the kingdom.

The services in the college chapel by Brother Copp, closed on Thursday night with seven accessions, five of whom have been baptized. Brother Hall left for Shideler, Ind., Friday morning where he conducts a school of song for twenty days or more.

Brother Ruff, North Georgetown, says, "Brother J. A. Miller filled the pulpit for Brother Kimmel at N. Georgetown on Sunday last, and all were so well pleased to hear him that we do hope he will meet with us again in the future." Brother Ruff also sends us \$2.70 for Home Missions from that place.

As a model of brevity in church news witness the following from Brother Spanogle: "Church moving along splendidly; college apportionment raised; Sunday-school continued all the year; excellent Bible services each alternate Sunday evening; preacher paid up promptly; missionary quartage squared up; the old parson whose surname is Spanogle called for another year." Here is "multum in parvo" sure. From one who does not write more frequently a little "lengthening out" would add to rather than detract from its sweetness.

This is the way Brother Haskins crowds church news together. Read it and see how the work in the Conemaugh Valley is progressing. We rejoice in the good news: "We are all busy in Cambria county. Koontz begins a series of meetings in the new Brethren church on Benshoofs hill on the 6th. Darling will be able to preach for the first time in two months on the same date, the 6th. Smouse has been holding forth in the new union chapel two miles west of Johnstown and after overcoming many almost unsurmountable obstacles has a glorious meeting on his hands with ten conversions, and good ones, so far and a great interest. This work is built on a good foundation, while two families of brethren, the Pallisers and Hunts, were our only representatives at that place when Bro. Smouse began. You know what kind of a fisherman I am; cast my line and having done the best I can, wait. I have found fishing for men like fish. You don't want to run from meeting to meeting for hold on at one good meeting until it is finished. We took in four here the Sunday before our revival began and eight during our meeting so far, making twelve since last report with prospects for many more. Church never worked as hard and earnestly as this year, since I am in Johnstown. Sunday-school averaged 130 for January with \$3.03 average collection. Average for last year 122 attendance; total money raised by classes \$146.